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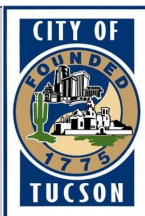
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# Ward 6 Newsletter

## Tucson First

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*Please plan on joining us tonight at The Loft for this special pre-screening of Under the Gun. Tucson was chosen as one of only a few cities nationwide to show this film ahead of its release date. We have the dubious honor of being one of the cities shown in the film – a function of how easy it is to buy weapons on the street in Arizona. The show is compelling, and I'm hopeful those who attend will come away with a new found commitment to work for rational gun safety laws at all levels of government.*

*Ron Barber and I will introduce the film, and afterward you'll hear some brief words on upcoming Wear Orange Day activities and how you can join this nationwide expression of the need for common sense gun*



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AN ADVANCE SCREENING OF

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IN THE GUN DEBATE, TRUTH IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON

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3233 EAST SPEEDWAY BLVD  
TUCSON, AZ

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DISCUSSION ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
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### Important Phone Numbers

**Tucson Police  
Department**  
911 or nonemergency  
791-4444

**Water Issues**  
791-3242/800-598-9449  
Emergency: 791-4133

**Street Maintenance**  
791-3154

**Graffiti Removal**  
792-2489

**Abandoned  
Shopping Carts**  
791-3171

**Neighborhood  
Resources**  
837-5013

**SunTran/SunLink**  
792-9222  
TDD: 628-1565

**Environmental  
Services**  
791-3171

**Park Wise**  
791-5071

**Planning and  
Development  
Services** 791-5550

**Pima Animal Care  
Center**  
724-5900

**Pima County Vector  
Control**  
Cockroach: 443-6501  
Mosquito: 243-7999

## Continued: A Message From Steve

*safety measures.*

### Tucson Greyhound Park

Last week, the state finally passed the legislation that'll shut down live racing at Tucson Greyhound Park. It will bring to a close the very sordid history of a race track that has been the end of the line for so many greyhounds, either through injury, illness, or neglect. Or by the state allowing kennel operators and greyhound owners to turn their dogs over to something other than a forever home when the racing career ends.

Now that the state has done the right thing, advocates of the humane treatment of these graceful and mellow dogs have got to insist the Department of Racing gets the dogs into homes. Most people aren't aware of some of the options these dogs are subjected to.

Google 'greyhounds used for coyote hunting' or something similar and you'll see a ton of images, most of which I wouldn't put in this newsletter. A few that will make the point are these:



This one's labeled 'hunting coyotes with decoy dogs.' It's from the website of a guy in New Mexico who advertises himself as running "Predator University." If you care to look for yourself, his name is Tony Tebbe – Google it.



What Tony and others do is send out their dogs to lure coyotes into a fight.



I guess 'the winner' is subject to your perspective.



Another guy you can find by Googling 'greyhounds used to hunt coyotes' is an Oklahoma cattle rancher, John Hardzog, who considers it sport to watch his greyhounds chase, fight, and kill coyotes. A recent NY Times article on the activity had this to say:

*While greyhounds are remarkable creatures, so too are coyotes. The wild canids are not only smart, but tough. They fight back after the greyhounds catch them and life-and-death fighting results are thrown into this moral mess. From a safe distance, men like Mr. Hardzog watch it all play out, and get an adrenaline rush from it, just like cockfighters and dogfighters do in watching the animals chew or hack each other to death.*

Most states don't do much to regulate how coyotes are hunted. The Arizona Department of Racing has got to ensure the greyhounds released from TGP end up in loving homes – not doing this:



(John Hardzog, a cattle rancher in Oklahoma, releasing some of his greyhounds from his 1977 Ford pickup to hunt coyotes. Credit Fred R. Conrad of The New York Times)

I have pitched this part of the TGP shutdown to the local media as a way of levying pressure on the state to make sure this option isn't exercised. I'm hopeful that by showing these images, I get some calls for follow-up now.

I wrote last week that breeding farms are equally fatal for the TGP greyhounds. They're not running at TGP because they're fast – they won't be bred at the farms. They'll simply be placed in cages to die or simply continue to live miserable lives. Other options, such as turning them over to research labs, fall in the same category.

I've been in touch with some of the local rescue groups. They're working hard to get out-of-state rescues into the mix so the dogs coming out of TGP are placed into homes, not turned over to some of these other options.



#### Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)  
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)  
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)  
(2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
(202) 225-2542  
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)  
602-542-4331  
Tucson office: 520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild  
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map  
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

I've been writing about TGP for over six years in these newsletters. Lots of advocates from Tucson and even from Phoenix have been regulars in providing me insights and intel on what's happening out at the track. In turn, I've worked to be a conduit to the media to make sure they're keeping the heat on the owners of the track – and on the legislature. It appears that combined advocacy has finally paid off with the imminent track closure. As you can see from the images above, the work's not done.

### More Economic Development Downtown

**CATERPILLAR®**



The great news we released last week about the relocation of Caterpillar to downtown Tucson is just the most recent step in the resurgence of the area. It's the combined work of the city, county, Rio, and the state, all coming together to show that this region is a player when we all pull together.

There are more parts yet to come beyond this first piece of the Cat move, and they'll be rolled out as the details are finalized. But getting a couple hundred of their Mining and Technology executives into the county-owned 97 E. Congress is a big deal. It confirms the value of all the hard work many of us have put in over the last six years getting downtown on the national map.

When all's said and done, the investment will value out at north of \$50M, and the near-term return to the area will be over a half a billion dollars. We'll start to see the relocation of workers as early as this summer, with the full consolidation of about a half dozen Cat sites into downtown Tucson coming to fruition over the next five years. The site on Congress is a short-term home as we continue to lay in place the plans for their permanent site.

We still have some negotiating to do between the city and Rio over the terms of securing that permanent site, but these aren't the Rio/city players of a decade ago when taxpayer money was being squandered. We're going in a good direction, and this deal will get done, to the benefit of the entire region.

Hats off to everybody who has a role in this deal. It'll be great to see this level of collaboration on the build-out of the Sonoran Corridor. These are economic game-changers that will mean jobs for both our current residents and our college graduates coming off the UA campus in the years to come.

### Arizona Town Hall

Along that same line, the 108<sup>th</sup> Arizona Town Hall was held last month out at the Casino del Sol. This three-day gathering brings together a wide variety of people and perspectives, and it dives into important regional issues. This year the focus was on Arizona-Mexico relations. For our June 7<sup>th</sup> study session, I've asked for a presentation of the 'consensus report' that came out of the conference.

The report will touch on issues relating to immigration and foreign policy, but also on the importance of both economic and social ties between Arizona and Mexico. I've asked

Juan Padres from our economic initiatives department to join Lea Marquez-Peterson from the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to share their experiences from this 108<sup>th</sup> Town Hall.

When it's finalized, the report will highlight some of the priority areas the group identified. Those include improvements needed at our ports of entry, including both operational and infrastructure needs, and the adoption of effective advertising campaigns to inform both policymakers and residents of the economic and relational value that's at stake in addressing those priorities.

I mentioned above the importance of the Sonoran Corridor. That's over-the-road trucking commerce. It's also rail commerce. U.S. Customs workers will be needed to add efficiencies to bringing freight across the border – in both directions. Road construction is needed on both sides of the border. To that end, we just discussed funding for State Route 189 at our last study session, and later this week there will be a ribbon cutting on the Port of Tucson rail component.

Trade and tourism. That's jobs and strengthening our economy. All of that is the result of hard work by lots of people who care more about building the region up than tearing it down, as is so often the mantra on early morning radio.

### **Port of Tucson**

To close out this opening trifecta of good news on the economic front, there will be a dedication ceremony out at the rail facility located out by the Sonoran Corridor on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The Port of Tucson received a \$5M TIGER grant to improve rail switches and make other rail infrastructure improvements to the Union Pacific mainline. This is also the 20 year anniversary for Port of Tucson's transportation and logistics center. With the recent improvements, they're positioning themselves to be a major player in the international trade we're building with our Mexican partners.

As is the case with the Caterpillar move, the successes out at the Port of Tucson are the result of combined efforts at the local, state, and federal levels. It's both private sector and public. It's those 3P (public private partnerships) that are more and more to drive our recovery.



Look back at these economic development segments of the newsletter: private sector, city, county, state, and federal all teaming up to achieve some fundamentally important results for the region. We're making some very important progress in job creation.



## Hockey Downtown?



I'll open by thanking the ownership group from the Arizona Coyotes for carving out 90 minutes last Thursday evening to meet and talk about my concerns over the draft agreement we're considering for their minor league affiliate to play in the TCC. We had a good and open discussion about the entire proposal. I'm looking forward to seeing a rewrite.

This could be a relatively good deal for the city. Or it could be a dog of a deal. The City of Glendale just pulled its management contract from IceArizona (the same group we're dealing with) for running the Gila River Arena where the parent club Coyotes play. Back in 2010, Glendale paid the NHL \$25M to run the arena. They paid another \$20M two years later. Since IceArizona took over the management contract, Glendale has paid over \$35M for each of the last the three years. Now, Glendale assigned the contract it to AEG, owner of the L.A. Kings hockey club. Based on that sort of recent history, yes, I'm going to take a fine tooth comb to any proposed contract with the club.

There's still some confusion about who's paying for what in this proposal. There are two distinct pieces to the proposed deal. First, Rio has offered to pay over \$3M for arena upgrades. That's totally separate from the lease deal we're negotiating for the team to play in the TCC. It's that latter set of deal terms I'm working through. The first draft would have likely cost the city hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. I told the ownership group that I was disappointed to see that as an opening offer and would have viewed the relationship being proposed as more of a long-term partnership had I not had to run through a pair of yellow highlighters identifying problems that appeared in that first draft. Rio can offer to pay for the upgrades, but if the lease deal puts the city in a financially losing position, we shouldn't sign on.

The status is this: the team has to have a place to play. They say they have options and so aren't wedded to the TCC. But they'd love to establish the AHL affiliate here – and so would I if the terms are right. The team has to get league approval for a deal this month. With that short fuse, we're likely to see a new contract proposal this week. I hope it's fundamentally different than the opener. Based on our meeting, I think it will be, and this will all end well. But – as I said in our meeting – predicting is hard, especially when it has to do with the future. It will take a new level of collaboration if we're going to make this work.

## Water Issues

We need to see that same level of collaboration on the significant issue of our water future. Without it, all the economic progress we're seeing will be wasted effort. Two bills I've written about in the past made it to governor Ducey's desk for his signature. There's wide consensus among groundwater experts that they're nothing but a bone being tossed to some developers in Cochise and Yuma counties, the long-term effect of which will be a threat to not only our reputation for smart water management, but to groundwater in those two counties generally. Earlier today, the bills were vetoed. Ducey offered this as a part of his statement:

***While I appreciate the sponsor's efforts to protect Arizona from federal over-reach, I'm concerned S.B. 1268 and S.B. 1400 would encourage a patchwork***

**of water ordinances throughout our cities and leave our water supply securities in peril.**

**Ensuring the certainty and sustainability of Arizona water is a top priority. I will not sign legislation that threatens Arizona's water future.**

Correct. The vetoes were appropriate.

House speaker David Gowan calls it private property rights trumping groundwater preservation.

SB 1268 and SB 1400 would allow development without the current requirement that a developer prove there's a 100 year supply of water to support the proposed project and resulting growth. Ironically, smaller counties like these are more reliant on groundwater, so one would expect them to be the ones expressing the concerns. But they're represented by state legislators who are more aligned with large suburban development and so the voices in opposition are muted.

That's the San Pedro River. There's concern the proposed developments will dry it up, placing both current and future Cochise County residents in the position of seeing their wells dry up. I agree with UA water scholar Professor Robert Glennon who says "the 100 year adequacy provision is really a consumer protection issue."



Photo: Roger Naylor/Special for the Republic

In deference to Gowan – these bills shouldn't even have made it to the governor's desk for consideration.

As I said above, this is about collaboration and all of us doing our part. A 7,000 home development out in rural Cochise County isn't that.

## Colorado River Supply

*"I save 20 litres by not washing my hair every day"*

What are you doing? Even under level 4 water restrictions South East Queensland households use twice the amount of water as business, industry and government combined. Inside the home, showering uses more water than anything else – more than laundries, more than toilets!

Every minute you spend in the shower can use up to 15 litres. You can help save water by:

- Installing a water efficient showerhead (they only use about 9 litres a minute).
- Not shaving in the shower and not brushing your teeth there either.
- Taking shorter showers – if we all took one minute less we could save at least 20 million litres a day.

There is a solution. And you're part of it.  
Call 1300 789 906 or visit [www.qwc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qwc.qld.gov.au)

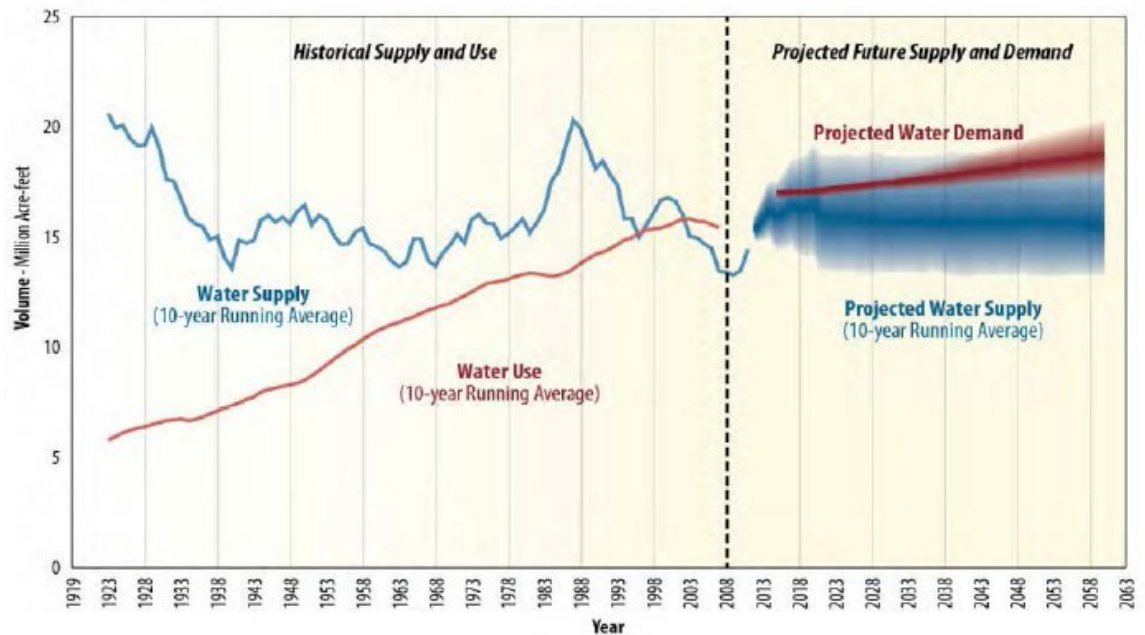
**Queensland water Commission**  
Securing our water. Together.

To continue making the point, I'm going to share some recent information sent out by the Central Arizona Project folks. It speaks to the need for us to work with neighboring states and collaboratively partner on both demand management and supply augmentation. (Remember the Governor's Water Augmentation Council on which we're poorly represented? That has fallen off the radar screen while these bills moved through the legislature.)

This first chart pretty clearly shows

how our demand is going to exceed the Colorado River supply in not too long.

### Colorado River Water Supply and Demand Study



To refresh you, the river feeds Lake Mead – our supply reservoir. When levels in Mead fall, our allocation will be impacted. This chart shows how dramatically that'll be implemented.

Lake Mead Elevation	Arizona Reduction	Nevada Reduction	Mexico Reduction
1075'	320,000 AF	13,000 AF	50,000 AF
1050'	400,000 AF	17,000 AF	70,000 AF
1025'	480,000 AF	20,000 AF	125,000 AF

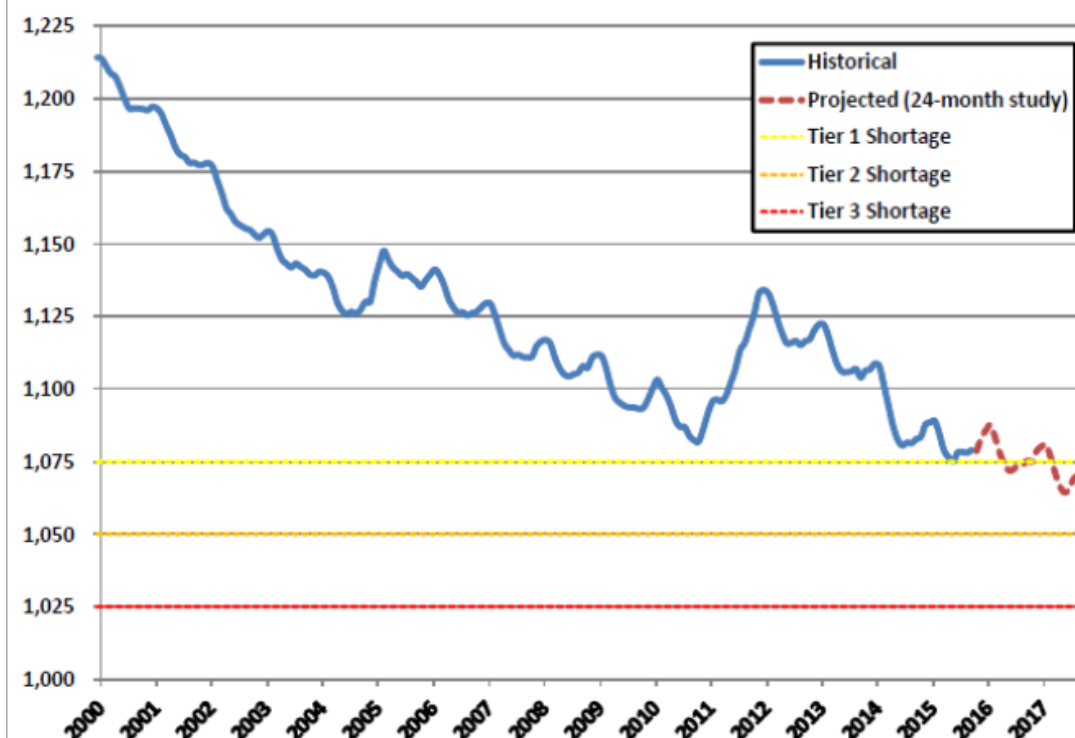
And this chart shows how levels in Mead are trending. It also shows why we're negotiating with the other lower basin states to find ways to keep the level of Lake Mead from hitting the shortage thresholds.

You'll note in the chart shown above that California isn't programmed to have any reductions in supply. The current negotiations bring them to the table with us and Nevada in the hopes that we can prevent Mead from falling below 1,025, where the Secretary of the Interior steps in to manage the river, whether we like it or not.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, the UA Water Resources Research Center hosted its 2016 Annual Conference. In the keynote speech, Anne Castle (former Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the U.S. Department of the Interior) noted "the bad news is that our old security blankets are worn and cannot be depended on to provide water security in the future." She said the likely future will force us to adjust our planning to changed conditions "that include perhaps a 50% reduction in runoff to the Colorado River by the end of the century. Our large reservoirs such as Lake Mead will not protect us from shortages."



Lake Mead End of Month Elevation (ft)



This issue is not hype. We have got to do better than the legislation we see coming out of Phoenix, and we have got to stay engaged in what's coming out of the Governor's Water Augmentation Council for new statewide water policy.

#### Floodplain Management Plan / Floodplain Ordinance



I'll close out this water topic with a more local item.

If you live in Tucson, you might live in a flood prone area – in a floodplain. We'd prefer it if you did not build your house or start your business in such an area, and we've got an updated management plan and ordinance put together to provide incentives aimed at that goal. Beyond that though, the plan is in place to provide spin-off benefits such as enhancing and preserving

riparian ecosystems and wildlife corridors, increasing community awareness of various water harvesting options, and providing safe storm water runoff.

Combining the management plan and the ordinance may save you some money, though, if you live and/or own a business in a floodplain.

The Feds have a rating system by which communities' flood preparedness is judged. It's called the Community Rating System (CRS). It's voluntary for communities to take part, but those that do can earn flood preparedness ratings that give their residents discounts on flood insurance. They'll look at things such as our public outreach, how well we map the

area, regulations we have in place to prevent overbuilding in floodplains, and how well we've done in reducing flood damage.

In arriving at the changes to the plan, and by extension to the ordinance, we enlisted the expert assistance of civil engineers, GIS technicians, urban planners, hydrologists – a host of people who study this stuff for a living. While they've come up with a lengthy list of updates, the ordinance will see two primary changes that'll impact your rates. One has to do with what are called Critical Use Facilities, and the other relates to the extent to which you can make modifications to your home or business if it's located in the floodplain.

Critical Use Facilities include things such as assisted living facilities, fire stations, day-cares, and airports. The changes we're proposing to the ordinance will require any new construction of those types of facilities to increase their built in protections (raise the structure above flood levels, or include flood-proofing elements in the design). For the vast majority of us, these changes won't have an impact – most of us aren't building a fire station or an airport. But other changes to the ordinance may have direct impacts on you.

For example, right now you are not allowed to make changes to existing structures that exceed half the value of the structure if you're in a floodplain. That's because insurance companies are tired of having to pay over and over again for claims, so they've effectively lobbied to place limits on improvements on properties that are in flood prone areas. Currently, Planning and Development looks back over the life of the structure to gauge whether or not the 50% of the value ceiling has already been met. Twenty years ago, you may have added a room. That might mean you're prevented from making any more changes today. The proposed change to the ordinance will make it so Planning only takes into consideration alterations you've made to the structure in the past 10 years. It opens the door for you to make upgrades – and still includes limits that are reasonable for structures that are within a floodplain.

The Community Rating System operates on a 1-10 scale, with 10 being communities that don't do anything about flood preparedness and so don't qualify for any premium discounts and 1 being the best. Communities with that rating qualify for 45% discounts on flood insurance premiums. Tucson is rated a 6. The changes to the plan and ordinance we're proposing may jump us up to a rating of 5. If we achieve that, your discounts will go from 20% up to 25%. That'll be a significant savings.

We'll consider these changes in June, and likely adopt them in August. Drafts of both the Floodplain Management Plan and the Floodplain Ordinance are on the Transportation and Planning and Development Services Department websites – you can offer your comments on both online. Generally, the Floodplain Management Plan is a reaffirmation of our goal of protecting riparian areas. Adopting the ordinance along with the plan will move us closer to a better community rating. That'll help people with their flood insurance rates.

### **Elections**

We held a public hearing on how we conduct our elections at our last regular session. There were a few people who spoke in favor of ward only elections, and a few who spoke in favor of retaining our current system. I didn't feel a whole lot of energy in the room for a charter revision, though.

If we do choose to ask the voters to amend our charter, the cost of placing this item on the ballot will be in excess of \$300K if we do it this fall. We now know that the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit court is going to rehear our case in June. That means we may have a decision on that even before the November elections. Here are our options:

- a) Wait on the court and if our current system is upheld, don't place anything on the ballot.
- b) Wait on the court and if our current system is upheld, still place a ballot question on the ballot and give you the option of overturning the court decision in favor of a new system.
- c) Put a ward only option on the ballot for November.
- d) Put a hybrid ward only option on the ballot for November (this option increases the number of council members by 2, each of whom would run city wide and not represent a particular ward).

If we lose in court and don't have anything on the ballot this November, we can offer a special election next spring. The downsides to that are that it'd be more expensive (about \$500K) and people running for office next year wouldn't know which system they'd be running under until after that election was held.

My preference is option 'a,' above. I think we'll win at the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit, and I believe our current system of electing M&C reflects how we govern. That is, council members handle ward-centric issues like simple zoning and constituent service issues, but on the more global issues such as budget, water policy, and those sorts of things, we each consider the wider community needs when making our decisions. And I don't hear a lot of people calling for a change.

If you've got strong feelings either way, let me know. We'll be making a call on this in early June so hearing from you soon is important.

#### **...Another Election Item**

Last week, we learned that a group is petitioning to ask another elections related question this fall. Here's the notice M&C received from the clerk's office:

**DATE:** May 3, 2016

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor  
and Council Members

**FROM:** City Clerk (4213)

**SUBJECT:** Application for Initiative Petition 2016-I001  
Title: "Tucson Term Limits Act"

We received an application to circulate an initiative petition. The subject of the petition is an initiative measure proposing to amend the Tucson City Charter by amending Chapter XVI, Section 3 relating to the Terms of the Mayor and Members of the City Council; prohibiting any individual from serving more than two four (4) year terms as Mayor or as a Member of the City Council and from serving more than an aggregate of three terms in both offices.



The three persons responsible for the petition are John Kromko, Natalie Fernandez Lee and Armando Rios Jr. The applicant and contact person is Armando Rios Jr.

The petition has been assigned petition number 2016-I001. The number of valid signatures required is 9,241. In accordance with provisions of the Tucson Code, initiative petitions must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., July 6, 2017, in order to be placed on the November 7, 2017, General and Special Election ballot. Petitions not received by that time will be null and void.

Please contact my office if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.

Respectfully,

  
Roger W. Randolph  
City Clerk

This is another election change that I'm not hearing any huge outcry to adopt. But the Kromko/Lee/Rios group may be hearing something I'm not – and if they get their 9,241 signatures, term limits will be on the ballot for you to decide in November. Perhaps yet another reason to not jump the gun and place the ward only type question on at the same time.



In an effort to keep this part of the newsletter fresh each week, I try to add 'local' attractions that aren't all commercial. This week, I'm returning to an item I shared a few weeks ago, when University of Arizona staff asked for your input on what you'd like to see done at Tumamoc Hill.

The site is about as 'local' as it gets.



The UA has finished its survey of walkers and other users of the site and would like to share what has been learned. To do that, two Town Hall meetings are planned. Both will begin at 6:00 pm, and both will be held downtown at 801 W. Congress in the Pima County Housing Center. They'll be on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

In order to have an idea of how many people to anticipate, they'd like you to RSVP to:

[CynthiaAnson@email.arizona.edu](mailto:CynthiaAnson@email.arizona.edu).

If you're a user of the trail or other facilities up on the Hill, these presentations may be of

interest. Tumamoc's a living lab and a walking and hiking area with great archeological importance. It'll be interesting to learn what the research team heard from you all.

### 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute to Centenarians



That's a Century Plant. It's also the logo chosen for last Friday's tribute to those in the community who have hit the 100-year-old mark. The event was put on by the excellent people at Pima Council on Aging with the support of Tucson Medical Center. I was honored to take part in recognizing this amazing group of folks.

If you're like me, one of your first questions is how many Centenarians are there here. Well, there were 22 at the luncheon, and another 64 who were named but couldn't attend. According to the material presented at the event, there are over 72,000 Centenarians living in the United States. That number is up by 44% since the year 2000.

The oldest honoree at the event last week was our own Diana's 'Aunt Mela' – 107-year-old Carmen Amado Acevedo. She was born on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1909 in Amado, Arizona Territory. That was 7 years before the toggle light switch was invented.

Each of the Centenarians gave a few thoughts on 'preserving your health.' Most included things such as eating in moderation, getting plenty of rest, having a drink a day, and staying active. I particularly liked Aunt Mela's commitment to "eat the food you like, and have chocolate daily."

Congratulations to them all – and thanks to PCOA and TMC for putting the event together.



It's one time I'm totally behind giving a 'participation trophy.'



### Broadway/Bus Fares/RTA

A few final items for this week...

#### Broadway

The vote to move the Broadway alignment along to further design included a friendly amendment to allow input from UA architects and urban planners. That input will kick off on May 23<sup>rd</sup> when what I'll call the Vint Group will join city staff to talk about the sorts of changes that can be made to the project to make it better reflect the priorities voiced by the public at open houses and during calls to the audience at Task Force meetings. It's the 'Vint

Group' because local architect Bob Vint is leading that team in engaging staff in the conversation on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I've already shared with the group my disappointment in the vote because it constrains the conversation to using the 30% plans as the basis for their meeting – and as confirmed by the city manager immediately ahead of the M&C vote, making meaningful changes without it constituting a redesign (costly) is going to be 'a challenge.'

And yet, there'll be a meeting, and many of us will be interested in seeing what, if anything comes from it. I'd have been more optimistic had the group been invited to offer their input without having that 30% document as the constraining line in the sand.

Also, we have been told by the RTA that designing the roadway to dedicate two lanes to transit on Day 1 will not be funded. Although that message has changed depending on who's delivering it, that's the basic framework M&C adopted with approval of the 30% design.

### ***Bus Fares***

As a part of the budget process, we're going to begin the Title VI process of considering increases to bus fares. What's on the table is a two-step fare increase. Here's a table reflecting the proposed fares.

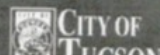
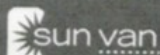
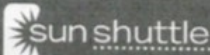
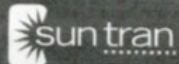
## **PROPOSED FARE INCREASE**

**FY 2017 &  
FY 2018**

<b>SUN TRAN FARES</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>FY17 PROPOSED</b>	<b>FY18 PROPOSED</b>
Base Fare	1.50	1.60	1.75
Economy Fare	.50	.60	.75
Express Fare	2.00	2.15	2.35
1-Day Pass	3.50	3.75	4.10
Discounted Day Pass	1.75	1.85	2.05
30-Day Pass	42.00	45.00	49.00
Economy 30-Day Pass	15.00	18.00	22.00
Express 30-Day Pass	56.00	60.00	65.00
UA/PCC Base Fare Semester Pass	173.00	184.00	201.00
UA/PCC Semester Express Pass	230.00	245.00	268.00
UA Annual Base Fare Pass	413.00	440.00	481.00
UA Annual Express Pass	550.00	585.00	640.00
<b>SUN VAN ADA FARES</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>FY17 PROPOSED</b>	<b>FY18 PROPOSED</b>
Regular Fares	3.00	3.20	3.50
Low-Income Fares	1.00	1.20	1.50
<b>SUN VAN OPTIONAL ADA FARES</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>FY17 PROPOSED</b>	<b>FY18 PROPOSED</b>
Regular Fares	3.00	5.20	9.50
Low-Income Fares	1.00	3.20	7.50
<b>SUN SHUTTLE FIXED ROUTE</b>	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>FY17 PROPOSED</b>	<b>FY18 PROPOSED</b>
Regular Fares	1.50	1.60	1.75
Economy Fares	.50	.60	.75



SUN SHUTTLE GENERAL PUBLIC DIAL-A-RIDE (ORO VALLEY, AND GREEN VALLEY/SAHUARITA)			
	CURRENT	FY17 PROPOSED	FY18 PROPOSED
Regular Fares	3.00	3.20	3.50
Economy Fares	1.00	1.20	1.50
SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE			
	CURRENT	FY17 PROPOSED	FY18 PROPOSED
Regular Fares	3.00	3.20	3.50
Low-Income Fares	1.00	1.20	1.50
SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE (OPTIONAL AREA)			
	CURRENT	FY17 PROPOSED	FY18 PROPOSED
Regular Fares	3.00	5.20	9.50
Low-Income Fares	1.00	3.20	7.50



We won't be acting on any of those until the outreach is finished – likely mid fall of this year.

### RTA

And lastly, tune into Metro Week this week. Andrea Kelly and I will be talking about Broadway and how that might impact the RTA's desire for reauthorization. It will air on Channel 6 this Friday at 6:30 pm and again on Sunday at 10:30 am.

Sincerely,

Steve Kozachik  
Council Member, Ward 6

## Events and Entertainment

### Sustainable Tucson Meeting: Sustainability and Architecture

**Monday, May 9, 2016 | 6 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm**

**Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N Stone Ave, Lower level Conference room**

For our May General Meeting, Sustainable Tucson is very pleased to present "Sustainability and Architecture: USGBC ADVANCE and Tucson's Prospective 2030 District." This program will present the innovative partnership between the 2030 Districts and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)-Arizona Sonoran Branch, with the goal of developing a 2030 District here in Tucson. [www.sustainabletucson.org](http://www.sustainabletucson.org)

### Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony

**Saturday, May 21, 2016 | 9:30 am – 12 pm**

**Scottish Rite Cathedral, 160 S Scott Ave**

Individuals and organizations that have contributed significantly to historic preservation in Tucson and Pima County will be recognized at the annual Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) and the Tucson

Historic Preservation Foundation (THPF) will host the event. The event is free and open to the public.

**Children's Museum Tucson: Free Admission Day**

**Sunday, May 15, 2016 | 10 am – 5 pm**

**Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave**

The Children's Museum Tucson's newly upgraded courtyard is bursting with color, music and fun. Come see the beautiful blooming Andra's Garden, pound out a tune in the new Music Garden, climb and play in the Discovery Garden or sit and reflect in the Butterfly Garden. No matter what you love, there's something for you! Museum admission is free all day on Sunday, May 15. [childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://childrensmuseumtucson.org)

**Ongoing**

**UA Mineral Museum**, 1601 E University Blvd | [www.uamineralmuseum.org](http://www.uamineralmuseum.org)

**Jewish History Museum**, 564 S Stone Ave | [www.jewishhistorymuseum.org](http://www.jewishhistorymuseum.org)

**Fox Theatre**, 17 W Congress St | [www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org](http://www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org)

**Hotel Congress**, 311 E Congress St | [hotelcongress.com](http://hotelcongress.com)

**Loft Cinema**, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | [www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

**Rialto Theatre**, 318 E Congress St | [www.rialtotheatre.com](http://www.rialtotheatre.com)

**Arizona State Museum**, 1013 E University Blvd | [www.statemuseum.arizona.edu](http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu)

**Arizona Theater Company**, 330 S Scott Ave | [www.arizonatheatre.org](http://www.arizonatheatre.org)

**The Rogue Theatre**, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | [www.theroguetheatre.org](http://www.theroguetheatre.org)

**Tucson Museum of Art**, 140 N Main Ave | [www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org](http://www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org)

*January 16 – June 3, 2016: "Waterflow: Under the Colorado River"*

**Tucson Convention Center**, 260 S Church St | [tucsonconventioncenter.com](http://tucsonconventioncenter.com)

**Meet Me at Maynards**, 311 E Congress St | [www.MeetMeatMaynards.com](http://www.MeetMeatMaynards.com)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

**Mission Garden**, 929 W Mission Ln | [www.tucsonbirthplace.org](http://www.tucsonbirthplace.org)

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). A non-profit educational organization demonstrating the region's rich agricultural history by growing the heritage crops that represent the more than 4000 years of cultivation in the Tucson Basin. Open Saturdays: April through November 8 am to 12 pm and December through March 10 am to 2 pm. For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

**Children's Museum Tucson**, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave | [www.childrensmuseumtucson.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtucson.org)  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

**Tucson Botanical Gardens**, 2150 N Alvernon Way | [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org)  
October 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016: *"Butterfly Magic" Exhibit*

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum**, 414 N Toole Ave |  
[www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)